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KHABAROVSK FOOD COMBINES CONSOLIDATED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 99,
28 Apr 49

The Khabarovsk Kray Executive Committee has decreed the amalgamation of the Stalinskiy and Krasnoflotskiy Rayon Food Combines with the Zheleznodorozhnyy Rayon Food Combine in the city of Khabarovsk. The decree goes into effect on 1 May 1949.

NOVOSIBIRSK BUTTER TRUST EXCEEDS PLAN -- Sovetskaya Sibir', No 84,
30 Apr 49

Twenty-four rayon butter industries and three creameries -- Kazach'ye-Myasskiy, Pichugovskiy, and Krasnozerskiy -- of the Novosibirsk Butter Industry Trust completed the 4-month plan ahead of schedule. The Ordynskiy Rayon Butter Industry was the first to fulfill the plan. The trust as a whole produced several thousand centners of butter above plan.

NIZHNE-AMUR FISHERIES LAG -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 100, 29 Apr 49

The Khabarovsk Kray Executive Committee and the Bureau of the Kray Party committee have awarded the Red Banner to Kanayskiy Rayon (secretary of the rayon Party committee, Suturin; chairman of the rayon executive committee, Belov) which took first place in the competition among fishing rayons of the kray in the first quarter 1949. The rayon's fish industry fulfilled the quarter plan for catching fish 199 percent and caught 21,700 pud of fish above the plan. Fish combines and kolkhozes of Kamchatka Oblast (secretary of the oblast Party committee, Grachev; chairman of the oblast executive committee, Dedkov; chief of the Main Administration of the Kamchatka Fish Industry, Kotelnikov), which fulfilled the plan 110.6 percent, were cited for their good work in the quarter period.

Operations of fish-industry enterprises in Nizhne-Amur Oblast were completely unsatisfactory in the first quarter. Performance of the following fishing rayons was particularly poor: Nizhne-Amurskiy Rayon (secretary of the rayon Party committee, Alyanchikov; chairman of the rayon executive committee, Ponomarenko); Takhtinskiy Rayon (secretary of the rayon Party committee, Fasulaki; chairman of the rayon executive committee, Narovitskiy); and Ayano-Mayakiy Rayon (secretary of the rayon Party committee, Matytsin; deputy-chairman of the rayon executive committee, Kopchenova).

MOTOR FISHING STATIONS EXPANDED -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 90, 17 Apr 49

The network of motorized fishing and marine mammal stations on Kamchatka is being constantly expanded. The Palana Motorized Fishing Station, which will serve national kolkhozes of Tigil'skiy and Penzhinskiy Rayons, will be built on the west coast of the peninsula. The station will be equipped with eight "kavasaki," freight and fishing "kunge-y," ten tugs, and ocean-going launches. The Rusakovskaya Motorized Fishing Station will serve kolkhozes in the southern part of Karaginskiy Rayon. In addition to other types of ships, this station will be equipped with 20 "kavasaki" to be used for deep-sea cod fishing. New motorized fishing stations will be put into operation this year in the Chukot National Okrug. The Karaga, Korfovskaya, Petropavlovsk, and Ust-Kamchatsk motorized fishing stations will be considerably enlarged and will receive additional ships and equipment for ship repair.

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KAMCHATKA FISH COMBINES COMPLETE PLAN -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 101,
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The Mitoginskiy and Kikhonik Fish Combines and the Combine imeni Mikoyan have taken first place among enterprises of "Glavkamchatrybprom" (Main Administration of the Kamchatka Fish Industry). These combines completed the April fish-catching plan ahead of schedule. The Khayryuzovskiy Combine on Ptich' Island has completed all preparations for the crab season. The crab fleet and canning equipment have been repaired.

KAMCHATKA FISHERMEN PREPARE EXPEDITION -- Tikhookeanskaya Zvezda, No 91,
19 Apr 49

Fishermen from 13 kolkhozes in Karaginskiy and Olyutorskiy Rayons, Koryak National Okrug, from kolkhozes in Petropavlovskiy Rayon, and from the Osmerskiy and Kichiginskiy Fish Combines, are preparing for an expedition to catch herring in the Gulf of Anapka. The steamer Shchors is bringing coal, salt, rope, special clothes, spare machine parts, engines, fish pumps, food and supplies to the fishermen from Petropavlovsk. En route to Anapka, the Shchors will stop at Ust'-Kamchatsk to take on board 12 fishing and two freight "kungsasy."

The expedition will also be equipped with three radio stations to provide communications with outlying fish plants such as the Il'pyr, Peschanyy, and others in Anapka. A concert brigade, three mobile sound movie units, small libraries, musical instruments, etc., have been sent to provide entertainment for the fishermen during the season in Anapka.

PLANTING PROGRESSES IN KARA-KUMY DESERT -- Trud No 114, 17 May 49

According to information from Bukhara, Uzbek SSR, planting of trees and shrubs has begun in the Kara-Kumy desert. Airplanes are being used for the first time to assist in the planting. The seeds of plants are dropped from airplanes flying close to the ground. Workers of the Central Asia Institute of Forestry designed a special machine for planting seeds from the air. The first 800 hectares of the Vakhsh-Kuduk area have been planted from airplanes. Now aerial planting is being done in the sands of the Pal-Kuduk-Kumy area. After heavy spring rains, the newly planted seeds of sakhsaul (haloxylon) in the desert have sprouted rapidly.

KUBAN'-YEGORLYK IRRIGATION SYSTEM PROGRESSES -- Pravda Ukrainy, No 105,
6 May 49

Work has begun on the second section of the Kuban'-Yegorlyk irrigation system in Stavropol'Kray. Work on the dam across the Yegorlyk River has begun, and will include moving an estimated 2 million cubic meters of earth. Excavation has been started on the Pravo-Yegorlyk canal, which will be 145 kilometers long and will furnish water to Trunovskiy, Shpikovskiy, Ipatovskiy, and other rayons. The Levo-Yegorlyk canal will be 130 kilometers long and will supply Novo-Aleksandrovskiy, Yegorlykskiy, and other rayons.

The second section of the Kuban'-Yegorlyk irrigation system will be completed in 1953 and will furnish 105,000 hectares of ground with water.

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UZBEKISTAN BUILDS MACHINE AND EXCAVATOR STATIONS -- Pravda, No 132,
12 May 49

Several new machine and excavator stations have been built in Uzbekistan and will be operated in connection with the irrigation program for cotton-raising kolkhozes.

Two stations are being organized in the Kara-Kalpak ASSR and three in Khorezm Oblast. New stations will also be built in Fergana, Surkhan-Dar'ya and Samarkand oblasts.

UZBEK SSR GETS NEW PASTURES -- Sotsialisticheskoye Zemel'deliye, No 98,
27 Apr 49

The Kala-Atinskaya steppe (Kashka-Dar'inskaya Oblast, Uzbek SSR) occupies an area of 500,000 hectares. Until now the steppe has not been used for pasture due to the lack of watering places. A great deal of construction work is now being done in this region. Twenty-two wells have been built, equipped with pumps and concrete basins. The first settlements have sprung up. Flocks of karakul sheep from kolkhozes of the oblast graze on the newly irrigated pastures covering 270,000 hectares.

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